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FOR
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By Bishops and the Clergie of
this Kingdome.

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on Friday, JULY 16, 1641.

Whereunto is added
Mr. GRIMSTONS and Mr.
SELDEN'S Arguments
concerning

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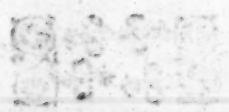
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By Bishops and the Clergy of
the Kingdom

Passed in the House of Commons
on the 14th of May 1549.

With an Introduction
By the Rev. Mr. John
Selden's Arguments

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THE
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For Church-Government in the
House of COMMONS, Saturday 17.
July, 1641.

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E Very severall Shire of *England* and *Wales*
to be a severall Circuite or Diocesse, for
the Ecclesiastick Jurisdiction, excepting
Torkeshire which is to be divided into three.

II.

A Constant Presbyterie of Twelve choise
Divines to be selected in every Shire or Diocesse.

III.

A Constant President to be established as
Bishop over this Presbyterie.

IV.

This Bishop in each Diocesse to ordaine, suspend, deprive, degrade, Excommunicate by : as
with the consent and assistance of seaven Divines of
his Presbyterie then present and not otherwise.

V.

The times of Ordination throughout the land to be

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be foure times every yeere, viz. 1 May, and 1 August, 1 Novemb. & 1 February.

VI.

6 Every Bishop constantly to reside within his *Diocesse*, in some one prime, or chiefe City or Towne within his *Diocesse*, as in particular.

VII.

Every Bishop to have one speciall particular *Congregation*, to be chosen out of the most convenient for distance of place, from his chiefe residence, and the richest in value that may be had: when he shall duely preach, unlesse he be lawfully hindred, and then shall take care that his Cure be well supplied by another.

VIII.

No Bishop shall remove or bee translated from the *Bishöpricke* which he shall first undertake.

IX.

Upon every death, or other avoidance of a Bishop, the King to grant a *Congè d'elire* to the whole Cergie of that *Diocesse*, and they to present three of the *Presbyters* aforesaid, and the King to choose and nominate whom he please of them.

X.

The first *resbyters* of every thire to bee named by the *Parliament*, and afterwards upon the death, or other avoidance of any *Presbyter*, the remaining *Presbyters* to choose another out of the *Parish*
Minister

Ministers of that shire, and this to bee done within
one month next after such death or avoidance.

XI.

No Bishop or Clergie-man to exercise or have
any *Temporall Office*, or *secular employment*, but one-
ly, for the present, to hold and keepe the probate of
wills, untill the *Parliament* shall otherwise resolve.

XII.

The Bishop once a yeare (at Midsummer) to
summon a *Diocesan Synod*, there to heare, and by ge-
nerall vote, to determine all such matter of scandall
in Life and Doctrine among the Clergie-men, as
shall be presented unto them.

XIII.

Every three yeares, a *Nationall Synod* to be, which
for persons shall consist of all the Bishops in the
Land, and of two *Presbyters* to be chosen by the rest
out of each *Presbytery*, and of two *Clarkes* to be cho-
sen out of every *Diocesse*, by the *Clergie* thereof.

XIV.

This *Nationall Synod* to make and ordaine *Ca-
nons* of the *Government* of the *Church*, but they not
to bind untill they be confirmed by *Parliament*.

XV.

Every Bishop to have over and above the Be-
nefice aforesaid, a certaine constant Rent allowed

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and allotted proportionall to the Diocesse where-
in he is to Officiate, that is to say, every *Presbyter*
to have a constant yearly profit above his Be-
nefice.

XVI.

As for the Revenue of the Bishops, Deanes, and
Chapters, &c. a strict Survey to be taken of all
their rents and profits, and the same to be represen-
ted at the beginning of our next Convention, and in
the meane time no Lease to be renewed, nor Tim-
ber to be felled.

Mr.

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Mr. GRIMSTONS

Argument concerning Bishops.

I.

That Bishops Jure Divino, is of question.

II.

That Arch-bishops are not Jure Divino, is out of question.

III.

That Ministers are Jure Divino, there is no question.

Now if Bishops which are questioned, whether Jure Divino, and Arch-bishops which out of question are not Jure Divino, suspend Ministers that are Jure Divino, I leave it to you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. SELDEN'S Answer.

That the Convocation is Jure Divino, is a question.

II.

That Parliaments are not Jure Divino, is out of question.

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That Religion is Jure Divino, there is no question.

Now Mr. Speaker, that the Convocation, which is questioned, whether *Jure Divino*, and Parliaments, which out of question are not *Jure Divino*, should meddle with Religion, which questionlesse, is *Jure Divino*, I leave to you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. GRIMSTONS Reply.

But Arch-Bishops are no Bishops.

Mr. SELDENS Answer,

That's no otherwise true, then that Judges are not Lawyers, and Aldermen not Citizens.

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